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Princess, Miss Madge Vincent gave a
really finished performance, and she went
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the laughing and disdainful Princess to the
fascinating coquette, with remarkable
facility. In her songs, too, she earned the
well merited approval of the audience.
Miss Nancy Rosier, as Sofia, was
thoroughly at home in a more serious part,
which she interpreted with her usual grace
and effectiveness. As the Royal "Chaplain"
Miss Dorothea Temple was altogether
charming, while Miss Jennie Poole showed
admirable restraint in the part of the Lady
in Waiting. The humour was supplied by
Mr. Bobby Roberts and Mr. Alfred Frith—
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one whit behind. His song "It's a hard
life," in which he introduced topical
references to the Gynikhana, Green
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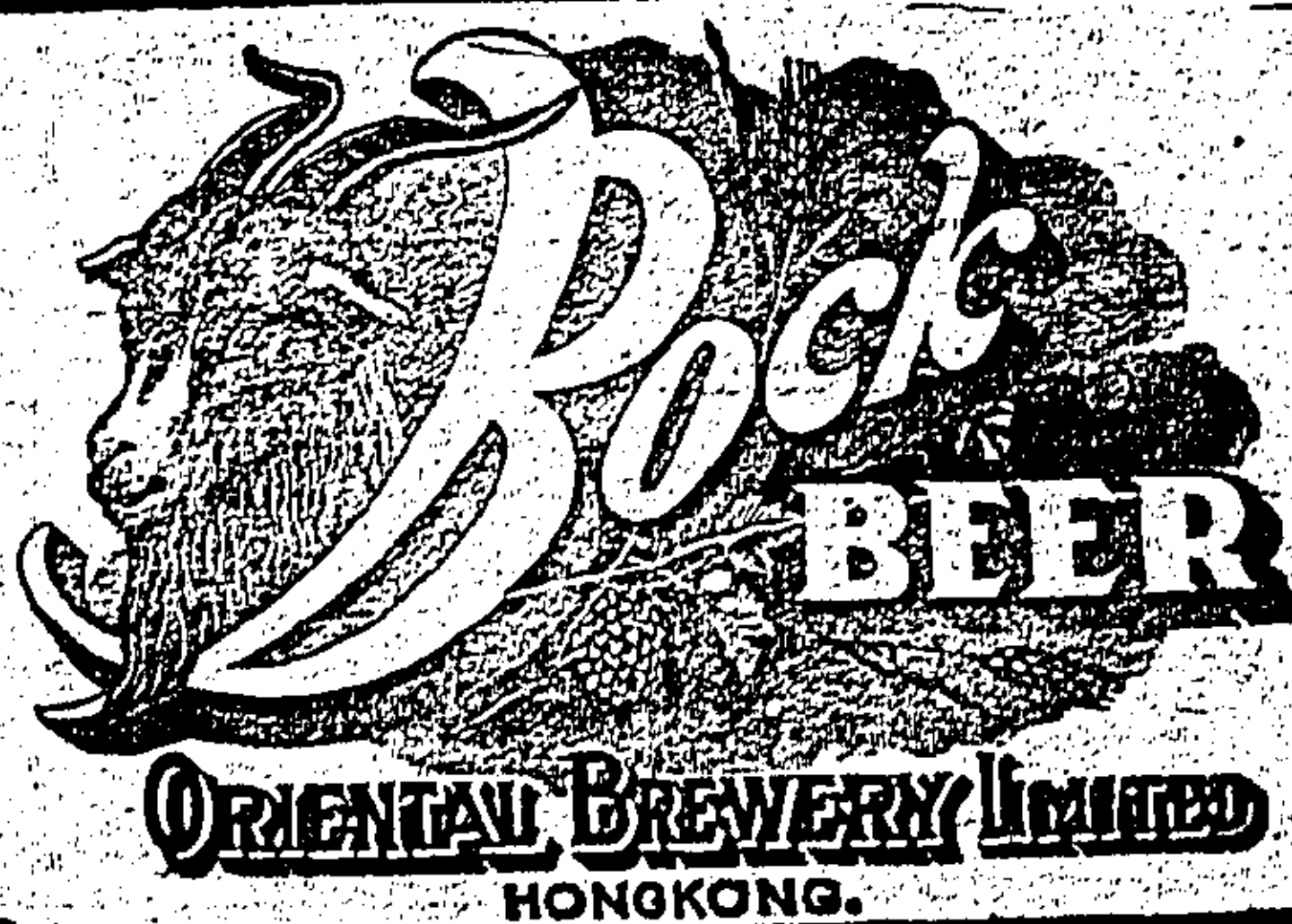
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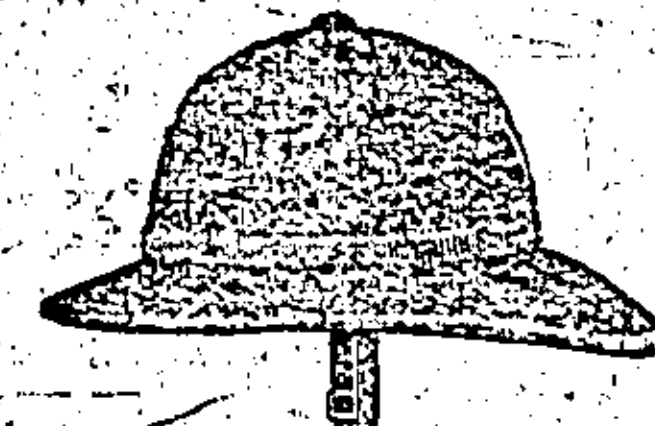
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DAY, the 25th April, 1911, at 12 o'clock
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Report of the Directors, together with a
Statement of Accounts to 28th February,
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will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's
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NESDAY, the 26th April, 1911, at 12.30
P.M. for the purpose of receiving the report
of the Directors together with the state-
ment of accounts to 31st December, 1910,
and of declaring dividends. The TRANSFER
BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from
the 26th April both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
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pose of receiving the Report of the Directors
together with the Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1910, and of
declaring Dividends, &c.
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A FAMOUS SCOTTISH

TRIAL.

(From Our Scottish Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 22.

The latest addition to the "Notable
Scottish Trials" series, edited by William
Roughhead, deals with the case of Jessie
M'Lachlan. A case celebre, it treated
intense excitement; up to the present day
it is a subject of legal questioning; and a
summary of its incidents will be interesting
to Scots in Hongkong and the Far East
who have heard it canvassed in their youth
in private conversation.

Late on the night of the 4th or early on
the morning of the 6th of July, 1893, a
murder was committed in the house of
John Fleming, accountant, Sandyford
Place, Glasgow. The victim was a servant
named Jessie M'Pherson, and the only
other person living in the house that night
was James Fleming, 87 years of age, the
father of John Fleming. Suspicion fell
on the old man at first, and he was ap-
prehended, but after a few days' detention he
was liberated. Meanwhile a friend of the
murdered woman, Jessie M'Intosh or
M'Lachlan, had been taken into custody,
and was committed for trial on charges of
murder and theft. She pleaded not guilty,
and as a special defence pleaded that the
murder was committed by James Fleming.

Lord Deas presided at the trial, which
began on 17th Sept. and continued for
four days, the result being a unanimous
verdict of guilty on both charges. Before
sentence was pronounced the prisoner,
through her counsel (Mr Rutherford Clark,
afterwards Lord Rutherford Clark) offered
a written statement in which she charged
old Fleming with the murder, and while
admitting being herself present, denied
participation in the deed, and stated that
she afterwards co-operated with the old
man in endeavouring to conceal the crime.

Lord Deas characterised what had been
read as a tissue of wicked falsehoods. The
public mind, however, was not satisfied.
In response to demands for further inquiry,
Mr George Young (Lord Young) was ap-
pointed Crown Commissioner to make fur-
ther investigations, with the result that on
8th November 1893 Jessie M'Lachlan was
conditionally pardoned, and she was sent
to "penal servitude for the term of
her natural life." Fifteen years afterwards
she was released, and emigrated to America,
where she died on New Year's Day 1899.

It need only be added that the story of
the case is well told in this volume of the
"Notable Scottish Trials."

THE SHANGHAI FRAUD CASE.

Mr. Griffin's Discharge.

We recently published a telegram from
our Shanghai correspondent stating that
the charge of conspiracy to defraud the
Kochian Transportation and Towboat Co.,
Ltd., against Frederick Griffin, which came
before Mr G. W. King, H. B. M's. Police
Magistrate, was eventually withdrawn.

Papers now to hand give some details
of the closing proceedings.

Mr Montagu Harris prosecuted and Mr
Griffin was defended by Mr E. W. Godfrey.
Two witnesses, one a German and the
other a Chinese, were called by the pro-
secution but they refused to give evidence.

Mr Godfrey—I may say at this stage that
the books, vouchers, and accounts of the
Company have been at the free disposal of
the prosecution and anybody connected
with them for the past month or more. No
attempt has been made to look into these
accounts in order to gather that evidence
which ought to have been brought to this
Court in support of any such charge. Mr
Harris came here and he made this charge
in most emphatic terms, and he had no
evidence whatever to support it. I want
to say this further. Even if the evidence
of Peter Bahr and Teh Foo could have been
given in this Court, even if they had been
willing to give that evidence, Mr Harris
did not know that no kind of statement on
their part would have been evidence against
the defendant in this case, not unless he
had first proved the conspiracy.

Mr Harris—I ask to be allowed to with-
draw the case, because I cannot present
any more witnesses.

His Worship—It is a pretty serious thing
to bring a charge against a British subject,
and then withdraw. Do you wish to with-
draw?

Mr Harris—Unless I can get an adjourn-
ment.

His Worship—You should have con-
sidered that before.

Mr Harris—It has been considered by
the Crown Advocate.

His Worship—You need not introduce
the name of the Crown Advocate.

Mr Harris—The blame should not be put
on me. I have simply done my duty as an
honest man.

His Worship—You must not speak about
blame.

Mr Harris—I spoke to the Crown
Advocate this morning, and he advised me
unless you would grant an adjournment to
withdraw the case. I took the Crown
Advocate's advice. I therefore apply for
an adjournment or withdraw the case, and
I take full responsibility.

His Worship—You have no right to
bring the Crown Advocate into it. He is
not conducting the prosecution. You have
no right to introduce his name.

Mr Godfrey—I understand the charge is
withdrawn.

His Worship—Have you definitely with-
drawn the charge?

Mr Harris—Certainly, unless you grant
an adjournment. I understand further
proceedings will be taken later.

Later his Worship remarked—You have
no right to go and inform the public that
the Crown is behind the prosecution, and is
assisting. Professional etiquette should
tell you that.

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cused dismissed.

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Antilochus, Kobe, March 29.
Anhui, due Shanghai, April 20.
Angrin, Hongkong, March 13.
Atrius, due Hongkong, April 30.
Athena, left Hongkong, April 20.
Bangkok, Hongkong, April 19.
Chonan, Shanghai, April 23.
Changsha, due Hongkong, April 24.
Chinhua, due Hongkong, April 23.
Calchas, passed Canal, March 31.
Chang, leaves Hongkong, April 2.
Chili, Shanghai, March 8.
Cyclops, due Hongkong April 27.
Chowtai, Hongkong, March 23.
Ducalion, passed Canal, April 7.
Devawongse, Hongkong, March 27.
Huichow, left Hongkong, April 1.
Huangang, left Hongkong, April 2.
Byron, left Liverpool, March 11.
Rupel, Hongkong, March 23.
Idomeneus, left Hongkong, April 18.
Ichang, Hongkong, March 9.
Jason, leaves Yokohama, May 6.
Kolschlag, Hongkong, March 22.
Kaifong, left Hongkong, April 2.
Kluksing, Hongkong, March 2.
Kénuun, passed Canal, April 7.
Keongwai, Hongkong, March 11.
Kwelin, Tsintau, March 6.
Kintuck, due Hongkong, April 20.
Kueichow, Hongkong, April 9.
Laoak, Hongkong, March 15.
Linae, left Hongkong, April 17.
Lockau, Hongkong, March 2.
Laertes, due Hongkong, April 20.
Mennon, due Kobe, April 21.
Monachus, left Batavia, for Liverpool, Feb. 28.
Machew, Hongkong, March 2.
Nanchang, Hongkong, April 9.
Nagato, left Tacoma, April 19.
Nefus, leaves Liverpool, April 8.
Ningpo, Hongkong, April 17.
Oanfa, leaves Manila, April 6.
Prometheus, left Hongkong, March 21.
Pitanulok, Hongkong, March 20.
Protestalus, leaves Liverpool, April 24.
Peking, Hongkong, March 25.
Peking, Hongkong, March 24.
Patroclus, due Kobe, April 20.
Perseus, left Hongkong, April 4.
Polyphemus, left Liverpool, March 23.
Pakhat, left Hongkong, March 14.
Punguey, leaves Liverpool, April 14.
Rahmeh, Hongkong, March 22.
Sungkiang, Hongkong, April 15.
Sarpedon, left Batavia, March 7.
Sandakan, Hongkong, March 11.
Shansi, Hongkong, March 9.
Singen, left Hongkong, March 24.
Shantung, Hongkong, April 2.
Sicutor, leaves Liverpool, April 2.
Titan, due Penang, April 28.
Tenn, left Hongkong, March 21.
Thebes, left Liverpool, March 25.
Tydeus, London, April 11.
Taming, left Hongkong, April 4.
Tuchen, Hongkong, March 22.
Teucer, left Hongkong, April 19.
Teen Kai, leaves Liverpool, April 9.
Ulysses, left Batavia, March 9.
Yantzeke, London, April 4.
Wuhu, left Hongkong, March 22.
Wongkoi, Hongkong, March 19.

— NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Aki Maru, leaves Yokohama, April 26.
Awa Maru, due Yokohama, April 28.
Atsuta Maru, due Colombo, April 27.
Bombay Maru, due Hongkong, March 13.
Bingo Maru, Hongkong, April 2.
Ceylon Maru, left Hongkong, April 4.
Colombo Maru, Hongkong, April 13.
Chikugo Maru, Shanghai, March 11.
Chikuzen Maru, Nagasaki, March 13.
Hakutsu Maru, Shanghai, April 12.
Hirano Maru, due Suva, April 20.
Hakata Maru, left Hongkong, March 22.
Hime Maru, due Marseilles, April 22.
Imbe Maru, due Victoria, April 27.
Iyo Maru, leaves Marseilles, April 20.
Kamakura Maru, leaves Victoria, April 22.
Kosai Maru, Yokohama, April 10.
Kumano Maru, due Yokohama, April 20.
Kaga Maru, passed Canal, onwards.

Kamo Maru, leaves Shanghai, April 21.
Kitano Maru, due Antwerp, April 20.
Kikagawa Maru, Hongkong, March 22.
Miyazaki Maru, leaves Antwerp, April 23.
Mishima Maru, Hongkong, April 12.
Nikko Maru, due Thursday Island, April 23.
Sado Maru, leaves Kobe, April 22.
Tamba Maru, leaves Hongkong, April 23.
Tosa Maru, Hongkong, April 25.
Tango Maru, due Penang, April 20.
Yawata Maru, due Brisbane, April 21.
Yanaguchi, Kobe, March 13.

— MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Australien, leaves Marseilles, March 26.
Caledonian, Port Said, March 26.
E. Simsbury, leaves Marseilles, April 25.
Neta, leaves Hongkong, April 24.
Oceanien, London, March 17.
Polynesien, left Hongkong, April 11.
Salazie, Marseilles, March 28.
Tonkin, London, April 11.
Touarene, Yokohama, April 19.
Yarra la Cleonard, leaves Hongkong, April 2.
Yarra, leaves Marseilles, April 21.

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Arcadin, London, March 25.
Assaye, leaves Yokohama April 20.
Borneo, left Hongkong, April 19.
Coylon, leaves London, April 8.
Gindin, London, April 6.
Davao, left Port Said, April 24.
Delhi, due Singapore, April 23.
Delta, due Penang, April 20.
Marmora, due Plymouth, April 15.
Nors, due Colombo, April 7.
Nile, due Colombo, April 22.
Nikla, leaves London, April 22.
Palma, leaves Yokohama, April 22.
Peshawur, due Singapore, April 23.
Palawan due Colombo, April 20.
Poona, leaves London, April 12.
Palermo, leaves London, May 11.
Syria, due Port Said, homeward April 2.
Yarra la Cleonard, March 11.
Sicilia, leaves Kobe, April 21.
Sumatra, leaves Hongkong, April 20.

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Carmentachene, left Hongkong, March 13.
Cheongshing, left Hongkong, March 15.
Chong, Hongkong, April 1.
Choyang, left Hongkong, Feb. 20.
Chipsing, Hongkong, March 22.
Fookang, due Singapore, April 21.
Flintshire, Hongkong, March 25.
Fooking, Hongkong, March 22.
Glamorganshire, Hongkong, March 6.
Hongkong, Hongkong, March 17.
Hooping, Hongkong, March 9.
Kumang, due Hongkong, April 21.
Kutsang, due Calcutta, April 7.
Loongwang, Hongkong, April 16.
Lairang, left Singapore, April 1.
Mong, Hongkong, March 14.
Moanmouthaire, left Hongkong, April 1.
Maussang, Hongkong, March 7.
Namuang, left Hongkong, April 11.
Tung Shing, Hongkong, March 3.
Tingsang, Hongkong, March 19.
Wong, left Hongkong, April 19.
Wishing, Hongkong, March 9.
Wingung, Hongkong, March 17.
Yuenan, Hongkong, March 7.
Yatsing, Hongkong, March 12.

HAWAII-AMERICA LINE.
Alaska, Hongkong, April 13.
Ankora, 25 from Hongkong, to Singapore.
Andalusia, Hamburg.
Argonia, left New York, 23 March for the East.
Atrelda, March 14, from Port Said to Hamburg.
Bayer, Hongkong, April 20.
Bolgravia, Tingtau.
Brasilia, in Hamburg.
Brigava, Hamburg.
Freienfels, March 15, from Hamburg to Hamburg.
Kowloon, Hongkong, April 2.
Libertia, March 7, from Hongkong to Hamburg.
Loongmoon, Hongkong, April 3.
Lyceomoon, March 19, from Hongkong to Saigon.
Pauvren, Hongkong, April 3.
Rheinfels, in Shanghai.
Sachsen, March 7, from Port Said to Manila.
Simbia, March 20, from Hongkong to Hamburg.
Saxonia, passed Canal, March 28.
Scandia, in Hamburg.
Sergovia, London, April 4.
Serenobia, Shanghai.
Silbia, March 19, from Hongkong to Hamburg.
Sithonia, March 10, from Hamburg to Manila.
Slavonia, February 11, from Singapore to Hamburg.
Spesia, March 7, from Hongkong to Hamburg.
Suevia, Hongkong, April 5.
Vandalia, February 27, from Suva to Wladivostok.

N. D. L.
Borneo, Hongkong, March 25.
Buelow, Hamburg, March 6.
Coblentz, Hongkong, March 8.
Defflinger, Bremen, March 19.
Gooban, left Hongkong, April 20.
Klisch, left Hongkong, April 19.
Luchter, Port Said, April 27.
P. E. Friedrich, due Hamburg, April 2.
Prinz Ludwig, due Kobe, April 15.
Prinzess Alice, due Southampton, April 24.
Prinz Waldemar, due Hongkong, April 22.
Prinz Sigismund, due Hongkong, April 30.
Tambora, Hongkong, March 7.
York, Bremen, April 17.

C. P. R.
Empress of India, Hongkong, April 13.
Empress of China, due Vancouver, April 28.
Empress of Japan, Vancouver, March 31.
Montesiglio, left Hongkong, April 18.

SHAW, WATSON & CO.
Rubi, Hongkong, April 17.
Zafir, left Hongkong, April 10.

PACIFIC MAIL.
Asia, leaves Hongkong, April 21.
Korea, leaves Honolulu, April 24.
Manchuria, left Yokohama, April 19.
Mongolia, due Hongkong, April 21.
Minnesota, due Hongkong, April 21.
Persia, leaves Honolulu, April 19.
Siberia, San Francisco, April 20.

APCAR-LINE.
Arratoon Ahear, due Calcutta, April 20.
Atherine Ahear, due Calcutta, April 24.
G. Ahear, leaves Hongkong, April 25.
Japan, due Hongkong, April 25.
Lightning, due Calcutta, April 2.

T. K. K.
Buyo Maru, leaves Nagasaki, April 19.
Amei Maru, left Hongkong, April 28.
Chiyo Maru, leaves Kobe, April 22.
Nippon Maru, leaves San Francisco, April 26.
Teiyo Maru, due Yokohama, April 22.

O. S. K.
Bajun Maru, left Hongkong, March 22.
Chosun Maru, Amoy, April 20.
Chiengo Maru, leaves Hongkong, April 19.
Daijin Maru, due Tamsui, April 22.
Daigai Maru, leaves Hongkong, April 23.
Mexico Maru, left Yokohama, April 18.
Panama Maru, Victoria, April 15.
Seattle Maru, due Tacoma, April 20.
Soshu Maru, left Hongkong, April 19.
Shibetsu Maru, Hongkong, March 24.
Tatsumo Maru, leaves Yokohama, April 21.

M. B. K.
Bushi Maru, Hongkong, March 29.
Fukuy Maru, left Hongkong, April 1.
Gryfwald, left Hongkong, March 14.
Kagoshima Maru, Moji, Mar. 10.
Mandusan Maru, Hongkong, March 27.
Shinchiika Maru, Moji, March 10.
Shinkoku, Hongkong, March 12.
Taikooan Maru, Hongkong, March 14.
Tamon, Hongkong, April 1.
Turugian Maru, Hongkong, March 23.
Yechigo Maru, Hongkong, March 13.

JENSEN & CO.
Carl Diederichsen, left Hongkong, March 25.
Holstein, Hongkong, March 13.
Heller, Hongkong, March 27.
Johanne, Hongkong, March 30.
Marie, left Hongkong, April 2.
Sigmund, Hongkong, April 9.
Triumph, Hongkong, April 2.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Aldenhall, leaves Hongkong, April 15.
Benalder, left Hongkong, March 23.
Benavon, Hongkong, April 17.
Esacore, due Melbourne, April 26.
Empire, Kobe, April 21.
St. Albans, Hongkong, May 6.
Bengale, Hongkong, March 7.

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Childer, Hongkong, March 13.
Bagny, Hongkong, March 9.
Harvard, Hongkong, April 4.
Kjeld, left Hongkong, March 31.
Standard, Hongkong, March 21.
Thorold, left Hongkong, March 14.
Ulv, Hongkong, March 10.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.
Quarto, Hongkong, March 20.
Tjimatih, Hongkong, April 2.
Tjitarten, Hongkong, March 18.

BANK LINE.
Hallandshire, Manila, March 28.
Kuneric, due Yokohama, April 25.
Lucerne, Victoria, April 8.
Saveria, Kobe, April 9.
Strathely, Hongkong, April 11.
Quito, left Hongkong for Manila March 25.

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Montrose, left Hongkong, for Yokohama, March 25.

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Austria, due Shanghai, April 21.
China, left Hongkong, April 19.

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WUCHOW NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Wuchow, April 12.

The West River has been rising rapidly for the past three or four days, there being now thirty odd feet rise above low water mark. The natives are as usual very uneasy lest we are going to have a flood. There has not been a single day during the last fortnight without rain.

Quite a sensation was created in our inland port last Sunday afternoon by the arrival of three new motor-boats which are to ply our waters in the future. Two of them, the Tien Lik and the Tien Hang, are to run between this port and Nanning, while the third, the William Swallow, is to be used as a pleasure boat. They are all beautiful little crafts of the most modern plan and were specially built for crossing the numerous rapids of the West River. They all belong to Geo. Banker & Co., the pioneer shippers of the upper West River. These increase their fleet of small draft steamers to eight in number. There is said to be a thrifty business on this river as is evidenced by the rapidly increasing competition of other companies.

Miss Ohme and Rev. M. L. Landis, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, left the first of the week for a years' tour in the U.S.A. Mr. Blumenberg, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, is spending a few days in Hongkong this week. A little son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Tipton, this city, a few days ago. Mr. Geo. Banker has returned from Hongkong, where he has been for the past several weeks superintending the construction of his three new boats.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

EDINBURGH, March 28.

CLOSE OF THE RUGBY SEASON—WATSONIAN AGAIN CHAMPIONS.

The curtain was rung down on Rugby football on Saturday, and, as is generally the case, the closing scene was a quiet one.

Watsonians won their last game with Jed Forest; they took a risk in playing without seven of their regulars absent, including four Internationalists; but they managed to score four points to the good. The Glasgow School are this Champions for the second season in succession. They have not lost to a Scottish team since October, 1900, when they fell to the Glasgow Academicals and shared the Championship. Last season they gained all their matches, with 426 points to 31. On the present occasion they increase these figures—477 to 25, but they have had two draws, at Hawick and Galashiels. In fact, the Borders were the only teams to stand up stoutly against them. The Watsonians got 15 tries, 36 of them standing to the credit of forwards; 44 goals from places were kicked mostly by the Captain, McCallum; and it is rather odd that in such a big aggregate there were only two dropped goals, both in the name of Henderson. As a side, they are more level than ever before, are better trained, and have played more attractive football. Of course, they have been fortunate in having the players, but it has not been on an individual merit so much as on their ability to combine that they have come to the top and retained there so long, and it is the perfect understanding between the divisions.

The last match on Saturday was the one in which Glasgow Academicals finished for points better than West of Scotland. Glasgow High School lost to Royal High School by two goals, one of them cleverly dropped by Sanderson. Clydevale was easily superior to Kelvinside. Stewart had a narrow win over Heriot's, 12 points to 11.

The following is the result of the season's play between Scottish clubs.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Watsonians	21	19	0	2	0
Glasgow Academicals	18	14	4	0	4
Edinburgh University	16	12	4	0	4
Glasgow High School	10	11	5	4	4
Edinburgh Institution	17	10	5	2	8
Gala Shields	21	11	8	4	4
Royal High School	20	13	6	1	1
Herfords	18	10	6	2	0
Hawick	22	12	8	2	1
Stewart's College	21	12	8	1	1
Edinburgh Academicals	18	9	8	1	1
E. J. Forrest	20	9	2	2	1
Greenock Wanderers	12	9	0	0	1
Loughlin	10	7	0	3	1
Clydevale	10	10	0	1	1
Glasgow University	16	10	1	1	1
Selkirk	15	10	1	1	1
Edinburgh Wanderers	18	12	1	1	1
West of Scotland	17	13	0	1	1
Kelvinside Academicals	17	11	0	1	1
Heriot's School	12	17	2	1	1

One point counted for each defeat.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

Rangers could only draw against Greenock Morton, and Aberdeen under a slip in being defeated by Hamilton Academicals. These results may have a effect on The League Championship, the odd point may send the flag to Glasgow instead of to the Granite City. It must be said that the Rangers had a big slice of it in dividing the points with Greenock, that Aberdeen on play could have had a better score than the Academicals, such things are only in the game. Full after a run of victories, drew with Hibernian, Dundee had had a bad day in losing to St. Mirren; they were better side, especially behind.

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Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. G. Washington	Shanghai
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Clio	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. R. Veele	Shanghai
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Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. Monroe	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. Heathcote	Hongkong
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. S. St. John Parquhar	en route San F'cho
Kinsla	river gunboat	616	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. T. J. S. Lyne	Yangtze
Morlia	sloop	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. Learmonth	Hongkong
* Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. Cayley	Hongkong
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. L. E. Power	Singapore
Moorhen	river gunboat	180	2	806	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	West River
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	—	—	Capt. G. E. P. Hunt, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. C. H. Woodward	Yangtze
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Comdr. C. L. Lambie	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. C. A. O. Douglas	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. E. J. J. Southby	West River
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. M. Barker	Yangtze
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6500	Ganner E. J. Trillo	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	0	—	Commodore C. J. Eyles	Hongkong
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. R. J. Buchanan	Yangtze
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. M. B. Hamilton	Shanghai
Viper	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	920	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Hancock	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	6900	Lieut.-Comdr. G. B. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	2	800	Lieut.-Com. B. R. Brooke	West River
Woodcock	river gunboat	186	2	800	Lieut.-Com. M. H. Wilding	Upper Yangtze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. G. E. A. Mulock	Upper Yangtze

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alfred L. Winslow, R.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.						
Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Alfred Cicoll	Amoy
Achéron	French armoured cruiser	1830	10	1700	Lieut. Bertrand	Saigon
Alger	French cruiser	3420	22	5100	Capt. Delzon	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	506	7	400	Commander Badin	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	2	670	Lieut. d'Estienne	Canton
Caravelle	French gunboat	150	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Comète	French gunboat	500	6	500	Comdr. J. Gervais	Saigon
Decidue	French gunboat	645	10	1000	Lieut. de Linares	Saigon
Dupetit-Thouars	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—	Saigon
Eclat	French gunboat	141	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Esturgeon	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon
Haut Riviere	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Jacquin	French gunboat	203	6	308	—	Haiphong (Reserve)
Lion	French gunboat	500	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Marrs	Saigon
Marche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	9000	Comdr. Ragot de Touche	Saigon
Montcalm	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Capt. Cheron	Saigon
Mouquet	French destroyer	307	6	30		

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MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.

9 p.m.—Performance of Bandmann Opera Co. at Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, April 22.—

Noon.—Geo. Fenwick Co. Ltd. General Meeting of Shareholders.

12.30 p.m.—Hongkong Jockey Club Half Yearly Meeting.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Annual Sports.

7 p.m.—Races at Victoria Skating Rink.

7.45 p.m.—Volunteer Corps Dinner and Prize Giving at Headquarters.

SUNDAY, April 23.—

9 p.m.—Dance at Victoria Skating Rink.

MONDAY, April 24.—

Criminal Sessions, begin.

Noon.—H.K. School's Athletic Sports.

TUESDAY, April 25.—

Noon.—Meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.

3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, April 26.—

Noon.—Union Insect Society of Canton Meeting.

12.30 p.m.—China Traders Insect Co. Meeting.

FRIDAY, April 28.—

Stockbrokers Association's Settling Day for April.

9.15 p.m.—Philharmonic Concert in City Hall.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1911.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

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THE KOWLOON RAILWAY.

An Interesting Report.

A report of the work done on the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway during 1910, drawn up by Mr. E. S. Lindsey, Chief Resident Engineer, was laid on the table at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council. The report contained a good deal of technical information and a number of facts already well-known, but the following extracts are of interest:—

Land.—No further land was acquired during the year. The site for the workshop has been obtained by leasing ground at the back of Inland Lot 193, the spoil from which has gone to make up the diversion of Gascoigne and Chatham Roads.

A plan is now being prepared to show the actual Crown Lands acquired for the Railway and to enable a surrender to be made of all land which is no longer required for railway purposes.

Stations and Buildings.—On the reclamation the land is sufficient for requirements for some time to come. They can be added to as required without any difficulty, and are laid with slight modifications in accordance with the plans submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies at Hong Kong. At Blackhead a goods shed has been erected and a part of the old shed re-roofed and sidings and a loading bank built sufficient for the traffic which is likely to offer for some time to come. The pier at Blackhead has been repaired and re-decked and has been in use on several occasions in connection with the handling material for the Chinese Section. The pier at Blackhead is required exclusively for railway purposes and is not to be used for other purposes.

Workshops.—The material arrived in the Colony in September and October and after calling for tenders for erection a start was made in November. Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Company being the successful tenderers for the erection of the workshop. Excellent progress was made both in erection and building, with the result that at the end of the year the shops have been almost completed.

Almost half of the machinery for the shops was landed at various times of the year. After considerable discussion with the Consulting Engineers it was decided that the power for driving the shops should be supplied by the China Light and Power Company and a contract was accordingly entered into with them for five years.

The Company has now made all arrangements for the provision of the power, and as the shafting arrives the shops should be ready for use.

Traffic.—The railway was opened for traffic on the 1st October. It would be out of place to give anything like a detailed report on a three months working, but it is interesting to note that after making allowances for the first rush of excursionists, the traffic settled down to a steady third class traffic. A launch service was instituted to Shau Ching, with very good results and the passenger traffic is steadily increasing. So far but little goods traffic has offered and indeed it could hardly have been expected. A flag station was opened at Tai Po Market on the beginning of November and since then the addition of a siding for goods has been productive of good results. There is a steady increase in traffic to and from the station, and although the launch is still running but few passenger come down to Hongkong that way, notwithstanding the difference in fares. Information supplied by the District Officer, Tai Po, goes to show that there is a steady going business and forwards between Sha Tau Kok and Sam Chun, and as this will materially increase the receipts on the main line, it is proposed to lay a two foot gauge line from Ling to Tai Po, using material which is now available from construction and laying of rails on the new road. From about the fifth mile from Fan Ling towards Sha Tau Kok there is a good deal of heavy work to be done on the road and it will be some time before this small line can be carried out. There is no doubt it will prove successful, and eventually be continued to Castle Peak.

The earnings for the three months after opening have been \$26,839.02 each month and \$7,141.31 goods. This latter has however been mostly material for the Chinese Section. As only \$39,000 was estimated in June, 1909, for the earnings for six months, the fact that the earnings are in excess of this in the three months is encouraging.

The accounts now submitted show that after making the necessary transfers and adjustments, there is a net saving on the total of the revised estimates for 1909 of \$74,566.11. The expenses and savings are given in the appended statement, and the explanation thereof. It will be noticed that the main line traffic savings are due to the relinquishment of the provision for land now not required for railway purposes and a credit on account of profit on exchange. Against these savings the main expenses are due to provision of expenditure for the main line with the two foot gauge line to Fan Ling amounting to about \$72,000 under various heads; provision of loco and rolling stock \$160,000 due to the necessity of new stock for the through running to Canton; certain additions to permanent way and loco, which are really transfers from plant retained for open line use as follows:—To Permanent Way VII, \$24,268.62; to Loco, \$14,200.92; to Loco, \$23,400.60; and finally to a big balance of stores in suspense partly obtained by transfers from plant which was transferred by Messrs. Leigh and Ormer, during construction. These items may be classified as follows:—Value of permanent way available for renewals and laying of extensions and private sidings, \$77,809.86; stores in suspense for revenue purposes inclusive of stores, spans for bridges which may be disposed of if sales offer or be used on line as occasion demands \$33,624.00; total, \$111,330.38; loss on stores due to sales at less than book value, miscellaneous charges for repairs to launches and lighters, rents and depreciation of 33 per cent. written off the book value of new stores, \$43,126.50; value of actual stock so written down available for sale, \$32,000.00.

The other excesses are not important. The actual value of the plant now at Hong Kong at prices prevailing on 31st March 1911, is \$1,141,011.84; and the amount of the original price amounts to \$1,182,779.34. It will not be safe to count on getting anything more than \$100,000 in all for this. To this amount should be added the value of written down stores, \$32,000.00, and the amount of anticipated credit on sales, which may be allowed to stand at \$122,000.00 instead of \$150,000.00 as given last year. The grants for the year were \$2,100,000 for construction and \$1,000,000 for open line. Against the former \$1,141,011.84 was spent and \$73,774.33 against the latter. The amount expended on the construction grant is mainly due to a net credit of \$216,074.83 being allowed for profit on exchange at the end of the year.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day's quotation for Para rubber, per Messrs Vernon and Smyth is 5s. 5d.

H.M.S. Crescent is flying the paying-off pennant. She leaves for Home on Friday with time-expired half crews.

H.M.S. Newcastle has come out of drydock and is at present in the Naval harbour.

A man obtained 205 bags of damaged rice value \$1,600 by means of a false order from the Yiu On godown in Des Voeux Road West.

We would remind our readers that the China Mail census competition closes on May 20th. Particulars will be found in another column.

All the great railways will grant free passes throughout their systems to the Colonial Delegates to the Imperial Conference and their ladies.

A Toronto message says that Mr. Ward, the New Zealand Premier, speaking at a luncheon, urged a system of co-operation between Colonies in building navies.

The funeral of the late Capt. Frampton took place yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley and was attended by a large number of deceased's old friends. Capt. Frampton leaves a mourning widow and an aged mother for whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

The flying boat inventor, Fabre, on April 13th appeared at Monaco. He rose from the sea eight or ten feet and dropped back easily; but next day, during testing evolutions, his boat was dashed on the rocks and wrecked. The aviator fell into the sea but was rescued.

Banjowangi, in Java, has a female police agent whose work is said to be very effective. She not only watches female suspects but takes an active part in the handling of male transgressors. In appearance she is described by a newspaper representative who interviewed her, as elderly and angular.

The Chinese produce brokers in Singapore have, after all, forestalled the European merchants in the establishment of an exchange. Promises have been secured at No. 3 Change Alley, and a pleasant little function was held some days ago to celebrate the inauguration of the exchange. A number of European merchants were present at the ceremony and bore a large number of initiators.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster was sworn in at the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon as Acting Attorney General.

Leave of absence has been granted to Capt. W. J. E. Bell, R.A.M.C., from 25th April to 21st July, 1911.

Mrs. Clark and Miss Clark, wife and daughter of Dr. F. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, leave by the s.s. Asia to-morrow for Home.

Major General C. A. Anderson, U.S., has proceeded to Shanghai on inspection duty. In consequence, Col. O. W. R. St. John, C. E., has assumed the Command of the Troops in Hongkong.

The Dublin Evening Mail recently announced, on what it described as "exceptional authority," that Mr. Birrell, whose health has been subjected to a severe strain, is about to retire from the office of Chief Secretary for Ireland to a position on the Judicial Bench, and that he will be succeeded in Ireland by Mr. Winston Churchill. The task of incorporating the Government's Home Rule scheme, it is stated by the Dublin newspaper, will be entrusted to Mr. Churchill. Later the Exchange Telegraph Company, on the other hand, stated that it had the authority of Mr. Birrell for "denying the rumour which is current in Dublin that he is about to be made a Judge."

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THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS OPENED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, April 20.
Telegrams received to-day mention the opening of negotiations by the Mexican Government for an armistice with the rebels.

UNSETTLED MOROCO.

REBELS GAIN BIG VICTORY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, April 20.
A telegram from Tangier states that the Sultan's Army is retiring on Fez from the Sherarda country, where the troops met the rebels, who gained a great victory.

The rebels are greatly improving their situation.

HONGKONG'S NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY.

MR. BARNES APPOINTMENT GAZETTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, April 18.
The appointment of Mr. W. D. Barnes, Resident at Pahang, as Colonial Secretary of Hongkong is gazetted.

THE VETO BILL.

FIRST CLAUSE APPROVED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, April 18.
The House of Commons has adopted the first clause of the Veto Bill by 143 votes against 78.

[Note.—The Bill only contains six clauses. The first is in the following terms:—

1.—(1) If a Money Bill, having been passed by the House of Commons, and sent up to the House of Lords at least one month before the end of the session, is not passed by the House of Lords without amendment within one month after it is so sent up to that House, the Bill shall, unless the House of Commons direct to the contrary, be presented to His Majesty and become an Act of Parliament on the Royal Assent, being signified notwithstanding that the House of Lords have not consented to the Bill.

(2) A Money Bill means a Bill which in the opinion of the Speaker of the House of Commons contains only provisions dealing with all or any of the following subjects, namely, the imposition, repeal, remission, alteration, or regulation of taxation; charges on the Consolidated Fund or the provision of money by Parliament; supply; the appropriation, control, or regulation of public money; the raising or guarantee of any loan or the repayment thereof; or matters incidental to those subjects or any of them.

(3) When a Bill to which the House of Lords has not consented is presented to His Majesty for assent as a Money Bill, the Bill shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Speaker of the House of Commons that it is a Money Bill.

(4) No amendment shall be allowed to a Money Bill which, in the opinion of the House of Commons, is such as to prevent the Bill retaining the character of a Money Bill.—E.O. C. M.]

ORGAN RECITAL.

The last of the present series of organ recitals will take place in St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. The programme will be made up of pieces played by request and Mr. Denman Fuller will endeavour to include as many of these as possible. There will be two quartets which will be sung by Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Schofield, Mr. Watts and Dr. Schofield, one of which will be Elgar's "As torrents in summer." The next series of recitals will start, it is hoped, in September, and will be continued on the first Tuesday in each month as in previous years.

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HOME RACING.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
London, April 19.

The result of the City and Suburban run to-day at the Epsom Spring Meeting was:—

Mushroom 1
Demosthenes 2
Brazino 3
Won by two lengths.

The betting was 5 to 1, 25 to 1 and 8 to 1 respectively.

[Note.—Mushroom, a b. or br. colt by Common-Quick, is a Three Year Old and is the property of Mr. T. Baring. As a Two Year Old last year he won five races, the Maiden T. Y. O. Plate, May Plate, Fern Hill Stakes, Suffolk Nursery Plate and the Richmond Nursery. He was trained by Batten.

Demosthenes, a Two Year Old b. colt by Desmond-Carlin, was successful last year in the Doncaster Spring Handicap. He was trained by Leach.

Brazino, a Four Year Old ch. colt by Marco Flittera, the property of Mr. James A. de Rothschild, won last year the Greenham Stakes and was second in the St. Leger.

Last year's result was Bachelor's Double, Mustapha and Dean Swift, won by a neck. The betting was 25/1, 4/1, 12/1.

THE YUNNAN QUESTION.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, April 19.

PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE.

Chinese Customs Provided For.

The accompanying Bill embodies the views expressed in this memorandum. Registration is voluntary but partners who do not register are subject to the unlimited liability of the partnership.

The principles of the new Bill are essentially different from the principles of the Limited Partnership Act, 1907, which limits the liability of sleeping partners and which, some day, it may be necessary to introduce into the Colony; but as far as it has been practicable to do so the Bill is modelled on that Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council held this afternoon. There were also present:

Hon. Mr. C. CLIMINTS, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, Acting Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, Colonial Treasurer.

Hon. Mr. W. CATHAM, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. A. W. BRAWIN, Registrar General.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yik, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.

Hon. Mr. H. KESWICK.

Hon. Mr. E. OSMAN.

Mr. R. CHAPMAN (Clerk of Council).

The Chief characteristics of the present partnership law are the unlimited liability of each partner for the debts of the firm, the dissolution of the partnership upon the death or bankruptcy of any partner, and the limit to the number of partners.

The chief characteristics of a Chinese partnership are:

(1) Each partner is liable to pay out of his private property only such proportion of a partnership debt as his share bears to the total of the shares of all the partners. But the partnership as a whole may be sued for the whole debt.

(2) Partnerships do not come to an end on the death of a partner, but the deceased partner's share is admitted as partners and their father's share is sometimes divided between them and sometimes remains intact under the father's name, the interest being divided among the sons.

(3) Firms may take shares in other firms and there is no limit to the number of persons who may become partners.

(4) Shares are frequently held in *tung* names, names invented by the individual partner for the purpose of holding property and, not infrequently, also for the purpose of concealing his identity from the general public.

(5) Before dividend is paid out of profits interest on capital, usually at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, is paid to the partners who have subscribed it.

(6) Many firms have, in addition to the partner subscribing capital, a *hung* or *not* shareholder, a person, usually the promoter or manager, who is given a share though he subscribes no capital. He gets no interest on capital but his shares, with the partners' surplus profit after interest on capital has been paid. He is not, moreover, liable for the debts of the firm.

The objection to the recognition of the first of these characteristics is that unless the unpaid creditor of an insolvent firm can find and sue every single partner of the debtor firm he cannot hope to be paid in full. But this is not a fatal objection as his position is better than that of the creditor of an insolvent limited company who cannot reach the private property of individual shareholders at all.

As to the second characteristic. There seems no reason why the death of a partner should destroy the partnership. In fact in the case of limited partnerships registered under the Imperial Act 7 Ed. VII chap. 24 the death of a limited partner does not dissolve the partnership. But the death of a partner would result, of course, in a change in the proportionate interests of the remaining partners in the firm, and the value of the share of the dead partner would have to be paid to his personal representatives. It would be undesirable, if only for fiscal reasons, to recognise the right of sons to take their deceased father's share without taking out Letters of Administration.

As to the third characteristic. There seems no reason why a firm should not have a share in another firm. This can be done subject to one limitation under the present partnership law (see *Werner & Smith* 2 L. J. Ch. 679). The limitation is that imposed by section 4 of the Companies Ordinance No. 1 of 1865 which provides that no partnership consisting of more than twenty persons may be formed for the purpose of carrying on any business that has for its object the acquisition of gain unless it is registered as a company. A firm is not, like a body corporate, a single entity. It is merely a convenient name for describing a number of individuals who are associated together. So if firms are allowed indiscriminately to take shares in other firms the number of partners in the latter firms would often exceed twenty. The difficulty can be got over by providing that where a firm is registered as a partner it is to be regarded for the purposes of the Ordinance as one person, and by providing that only one of its members should be allowed to interfere in the management of the partnership in which the firm has taken a share.

With regard to the fourth characteristic. It is undesirable that individuals should hide their identity under *tung* names. It is submitted that a Chinese partner should be registered either in the first name he receives after birth or in the name he receives when he reaches manhood's estate. A *tung* name may be registered in addition. The two characteristics are typically Chinese and to ignore them in a Bill intended, as far as possible, to give effect to Chinese customs would be measurably to defeat the object of the Bill.

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

His Excellency the Governor moved at a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon the following resolution:

"It is hereby resolved that a sum of \$412,001.50 be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton railway, British section, during the year 1911."

His Excellency said that was the fourth successive year that he had risen to make an annual statement of the progress and cost of the railway. The cost of that undertaking was very large in proportion to the revenue and he hoped that the course he proposed to adopt would meet with the wishes of the Council and the community outside, and that was to discuss that resolution. The report of the Chief Resident Engineer was upon the table and he would deal with such items as appeared to require explanation. The estimated total cost of the railway including the interest on the capital sum during construction was last year put at \$12,371,495, while the total cost now appeared as \$12,206,029 to complete the railway. That showed a decrease on the total estimated cost of \$74,566 and out of that estimated decrease they must pay for a projected line from Fan Lin to Shau-tau-ko. The first item was under the heading of construction, coaching, wagon and rolling stock. From that \$181,344 they must deduct \$21,000 which was part of the cost of the Fan Lin railway. The increase in the railway stock was in order to meet the requirements of the two sections of the railway when it was completed through to Canton. He mentioned that point as it was agreed that each section should find its own rolling stock in proportion to its mileage.

They would see there was a sum of \$101,061 which had been written off for depreciation or realization for plant required during construction. That was to say the total net cost of the rolling stock and plant required this year was \$311,395. \$101,061 had been written off depreciation and realization of plant during the year and the net cost was \$210,334 and not as it was last year \$101,884. That was to say it had been increased by \$109,061.

Stores and stores suspense totaled \$113,395 and that sum covered a quantity of stores which might be used for extension and to provide sidings and spares for the line when completed.

His Excellency dealt exhaustively with the several items and said that the total cost of the railway had been estimated at \$12,206,029 and that was, roughly, about the amount of loan which the Colony lent to the Victoria Way Chan, half of which had already been repaid and spent on the railway. The remainder was in the course of repayment by annual instalments during the next five years. Since the line had been opened in October the earnings were \$33,980, \$17,000 of which was for the conveyance of materials for the Chinese section. The estimate which they had framed for receipts for the first six months was only \$20,000 and therefore the amount which was actually realized was nearly three and a half times as great as had been expected. The expenses were \$32,147 which left a small profit of \$383.

The estimated receipts during the present year were \$107,000 but the Chief Resident Engineer put the receipts at \$178,000. Therefore there would be a sum of \$415,800 to be paid out of the current revenue of the Colony and when they added to that the sinking fund at one per cent the amount would be approximately \$520,000. His Excellency mentioned that the Chinese section was expected to be opened in August and negotiations were in progress for the successful working of the line. Dealing with the criticism regarding the building of wharves and godowns on the land which had been reclaimed, His Excellency said that it was not desirable to give the monopoly to one particular firm and considering all the difficulties in the way, and their strict consideration being to get an adequate return for the outlay of the railways, money the Government and advisers had come to the conclusion that the cheapest way would be to build such necessities of their own. The Government had not been unkind of the interests of these firms for they had given them several contracts, while the lighting of the workshops, etc., had been allotted to an outside firm so that they were also fostering local industries. Besides, a siding had been built to Holt's wharf, while others for the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., and the Standard Oil Co., were in course of construction so that while Government was endeavouring to foster local industries in what way they were also seeking return for the money expended thereon.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt suggested the postponement of a discussion on the railway until members had had an opportunity of considering the figures more closely. He could not conceive why the railway had cost so much to construct and he was of the opinion that there was no necessity for a railway of only twenty-two miles to go to the expense of workshops.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock supported the suggestion for postponing the discussion.

His Excellency—I shall be very glad to postpone it.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and the resolution was postponed.

WIRELESS.

Commercial Community Desires Installation.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt asked the following question standing in his name:

"With regard to the installation and operation of a station for wireless telegraphy in this Colony, and in view of the fact that the commercial community is becoming restless at the apparent inaction of this Government, will the Government state definitely what steps it may be prepared to take to furnish what is now an absolute necessity for a Colony, the greatest part of whose trade and life is connected with shipping?"

Hon. Colonial Secretary said—The correspondence on this subject is of a confidential nature, but the Honourable Member may be assured that there has been no inaction or lack of initiative on the part of this Government. So long ago as the end of 1909 His Excellency the Governor took steps to investigate the question in conjunction with Vice-Admiral Sir Rodworth Lambton and appointed a small Committee consisting of Naval and Military experts and the then Acting Director of Public Works, with Sir F. H. May as Chairman, to report as to the best site in the Colony for a wireless station, the cost and other matters. The report of the Committee was forwarded to the Secretary of State with the recommendation that the Government should take steps to establish a short distance station of low power.

On the former question no decision will be reached until after the Imperial Conference which meets next month in London, for it is obvious that questions affecting many Colonies are involved. As regards the latter question it is understood that His Majesty's Government have already come to a decision, but a temporary delay has occurred due to certain natural difficulties which are believed to exist in Hongkong and it has been necessary to defer for a short time the final conclusion of the matter. His Excellency has been in telegraphic communication with the Home Government on the subject for some time past.

SPORTING.

Hongkong Cricket League.

SHELDON VINTAGE & THE REST.

In this match fixed for Saturday, the R.E. and Depl. team will be—Lt. Col. Stapole, A.P.D.; Major Taylor; A.S.O.; Capt. Addison; R.E.; Lieut. Williams; A.S.C.; Rev. Foster; Capt. Corrie; R.E.; Capt. Cameron; R.E.; Capt. Osmann; A.O.P.; Pte. Crew; A.O.P.; Pte. Riley; R.A.M.C.

Billiards.

PITTS V. GRANT.

Sgt. Pitts of the R.K. Police met Cpl. Geary, K. O. Y. L. I., last evening in the Soldiers' Club in a match of a thousand up for a cup given by the *Hongkong Telegraph*. Geary is a new man to the Colony, only arriving here a few months ago with his Regiment. That he is a good cueist goes without saying, his play last evening being exceptionally good. Pitts, on the other hand, is well known to the Colony and no comment on his abilities is required.

The game commenced before a good attendance, Geary being the first to do anything. He made nice break of 53 and then failed at an easy in off. Twenties were common to both players and at the half-way, and the conclusion for the evening, Geary led by 95 points. Scores—Geary 402; Pitt 407.

In this game Pitt, the Hongkong champion, has met a worthy opponent and the conclusion of the game this evening should be worth seeing.

Lawn Tennis.

HONGKONG C. C. TOURNAMENT.

The latest results in the above tournament are:

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Second Round—Capt. G. T. Brierley beat Capt. R. D. Crawford 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; P. H. Kilmann beat Major Samboorne 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

"A" CLASS SINGLES.

Third Round—R. J. Saunders (wins 30) beat Capt. G. T. Brierley, R.A. (wins 30) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; A. C. E. Elborough (wins 15) beat Capt. Crawford (wins 30) 6-0, 6-4; H. Hancock (wins 30-4) beat Dr. W. M. V. Koch (wins 3-0) 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

"B" CLASS SINGLES.

Third Round—B. Sutherland (scratch) beat H. E. Hoffmann (scratch) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

Fourth Round—G. A. Cooke, R.N. (wins 15) beat Dr. W. M. V. Koch (wins 15) 6-4, 6-4; B. Sutherland (wins 30) beat A. O. Brown (wins 30) 6-3, 7-5.

"A" CLASS DOUBLES.

Second Round—H. Humphreys and P. H. Kilmann (wins 15-4) beat E. E. Gross and E. A. S. Fowler (scratch) 6-2, 6-0.

Third Round—Dr. Aubrey and A. C. E. Elborough (wins 15) beat A. N. Jewell and A. U. Sherry (wins 15-0) 6-2, 6-1.

"A" CLASS DOUBLES.

Second Round—Lieut. Atterwood and Lieut. Annabell, R.N. (wins 15) beat H. L. Garrett and T. G. Weill (wins 3-0) 6-2, 6-0.

PROFESSORIAL KIDS.

Dr. G. E. Aubrey and Dr. Fisher, R.N. (Medical) beat C. O. Hocking and L. L. Brier (Merchants) 6-3, 6-2.

TO-MORROW'S SIXTEENTH.

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"CHINA MAIL" CENSUS COMPETITION.

A census of the population of Hongkong is to be taken on May 20th, and in order that our readers may test their skill in estimating the growth of the population since the last census the *China Mail* is proposing a competition under three heads, asking its subscribers to predict the numbers of—(1) The total civil population; (2) Chinese population; (3) European and American population. We have, for the guidance of competitors, given the figures for the last two censuses. All competitors have to do is to cut out the three coupons, (which will be published singly in rotation in this column), fill in their estimate and forward them to our office, with the words "Census Competition" as the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Competitors may send in as many coupons as they desire. A prize will be given for the most correct estimate under each head. In the case of a tie the estimate first opened will be adjudged the winner.

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Shanghai papers contain particulars of a big swindle perpetrated by two opium dealers, in which a sum varying between \$100,000 and \$150,000 is involved. The alleged swindlers, Ezen and Moon, have fled to Japan.

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